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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## DOES GOD WORK MIRACLES TODAY?

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

### III. MIRACLES OF THE BIBLE ARE GIVEN AS EXAMPLES FOR US IV. SOME OBJECTIONS ANSWERED

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#### III. Miracles of the Bible Are Given As Examples for Us

In the very nature of the case the fact that the Bible is full of miracles must be intended to teach us that God is a miracle-working God. Why should God tantalize us with accounts of how He has blessed others, how He has heard their prayers, how He has healed their sicknesses, how He has provided their needs, if He be not willing to do the same for us, whenever it is right and good?

But the Scripture repeatedly tells us that these miracles are given for examples to us. For example in Psalm 81:10 God tells us, "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." What could the Lord here mean but this: that He Who did miracles before is able to do them again! He Who blessed Israel with mighty blessings will do the same for us if we trust Him. Evidently He means that all the wonders accompanying the deliverance of the people of Israel, and their support and protection in the wilderness journeys are written to encourage us, and that therefore we should open our mouths wide in faith and receive like blessings when needed.

In I Corinthians 10:1-5 God reminds us again how the Jewish fathers were brought of Egypt under a cloud, passed through the Red Sea and ate of manna and drank of the water out of the rock. Then verse six sums up the lesson saying, "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." The miracles accompanying the birth of the Jewish nation "were our examples." And the way God punished them with plagues, for their sins, and miraculous manifestations are to warn us, too, lest we should desire evil things as they did, and be punished as they were.

Doesn't that plainly mean that the miracles of those days are meant for examples to us?

Again in the same chapter, verse 11 says, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

All these miracles and wonders,

these blessings and cursings, "happened unto them for ensamples." Not only that, but "they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world have come." To the end of the world the miracles recorded in the Bible are for our admonition.

If the age of physical miracles is past, here would have been a good place for the Holy Spirit to say so; but He does not. Instead, He says those miracles were sample miracles and that the accounts of them are for our admonition in these last days!

The translation of Enoch before the flood, and of Elijah later, were evidently sample miracles, pointing toward the translation of every living saint at the return of Christ. And our translation will be exactly the same kind of literal, physical miracles as they had.

The plagues of Egypt are certainly types and samples of miracles that will occur during the great tribulation period. The turning of water to blood, the great darkness, the hail and many others of the plagues of Egypt are to be repeated, as foretold in the book of Revelation.

The resurrection of Christ, that mighty miracle, is specially mentioned as a type and prophecy of future resurrections of all the saints. First Corinthians 15:20, 23 says, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. . . . But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." Christ is only the firstfruits. We will be the following harvest. Romans 8:11 again refers to this truth that our mortal bodies will be raised as the body of Christ was.

I am saying that the Bible miracles necessarily involves future miracles for the rest of us.

#### IV. Some Objections Answered

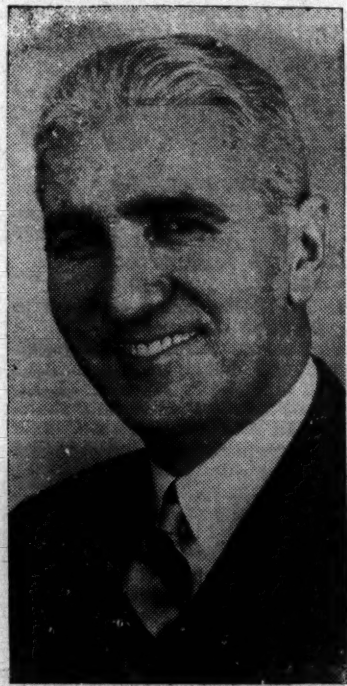
Here we will notice a few of the principal arguments offered by those who say that the age of miracles is past, that God does not work miracles, especially physical miracles, today.

1. It is claimed that miracles were never given except to introduce a new epoch or dispensation. But a careful review of the miracles of the Bible proves that is not true. What epoch did Enoch begin? What age or dispensation did Elijah and Elisha usher in?

## "How to Be Saved and Know It"

BY REV. MERRIL T. MACPHERSON

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REV. MERRIL T. MACPHERSON

My reason for discussing with you this subject tonight grows out of a number of inquiries that have been made recently on "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

God has been blessing, and both in the church and in the radio audience souls have been finding the Lord Jesus Christ; but we are certain that there are many in the radio audience who have a desire to be saved, who have not yet found rest in Christ. One writes to say: "We enjoy your sermons very much as we never miss hearing you, and we are both unsaved," signed by a father and son. Oh, beloved in Christ, pray for this father and son, and for all whom they represent, who are yet out of the fold, that they may be brought in and rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are not going to preach a sermon, but, as simply as we know how, explain the Word of God on "How to be saved." I am going to consider that this audience before me and this great radio audience is just an inquiry room where souls are seeking the Lord, and it is my privilege to introduce you to Him. Let me say as we begin, that salvation is:

#### 1. Not by Reformation

(1) "Turning over a new leaf." There are many people who speak of "turning over a new leaf" and living an upright and moral life. There are at least two great difficulties about this that we must consider. This first is, that the sin

of the past has not been atoned for, or covered, and any sin in our life, in any part of our life, will condemn us and keep us entirely out of fellowship and favor with God. A man wants to see, not only a clean white page before him in the present, but he wants to be assured that the blackness of the pages that have been turned over has been cleansed.

Another difficulty lies in the fact that no human being was ever able to just simply "turn over a new leaf" and by the power of his will and good resolutions to live a perfect life from that time onward. How often have you made New Year's resolutions and broken them before the first or second day of the year? How often in my early life did I resolve that I was going to quit doing this or that and live an upright, righteous life, only to fail utterly before many days had passed. No, you need to do something more than "turn over a new leaf," because the sins of the past and the weakness of human nature make it impossible for you thus to be saved.

(2) It is not by being baptized.

You may ask why I mention this. I do it simply because I have come in contact with a great number of people who have felt that they were saved because they were baptized as an infant or later on as an adult. It would be well for us in this connection to look at I Cor-

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## God's Cure for Worry

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

"Be careful for nothing but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:6, 7.

Here is one of God's promises that has cured worry for thousands of Christians. Here is the way to perfect peace, the way to abolish haunting care and fret and the restless sins that come from unbelief.

#### 1. Be Careful for Nothing

Worry is a sin. To be full of care is forbidden by God's clear command. The Revised Version of the Bible says, "Be anxious for nothing." Anxiety, fretting, worrying, fear of the future — all these are sins. And they are wicked sins of unbelief. You may pray, and worry; but your prayer is no good. You certainly cannot trust and worry. John Wesley said, "I would no more fret than to curse or swear."

The Saviour said, "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (Matt. 6:25). Then He mentions the fowls of the air which do not sow or reap and yet God feeds them. Oh, doubting Christian, are you not better than the birds? And Jesus said, "Why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matt. 6:28). Oh, you doubting Christians,

ye of little faith, if God clothes the grass, would He care less for you? How foolish, then, how wicked, to worry and fret about clothes and food! Heathen people worry about these things. But we, God's saved, are to seek first the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added to us. And the Saviour's final command in that sixth chapter of Matthew is, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." It is wicked, unbelieving sin to worry.

The hairs of your heads are counted, recorded, numbered! God Who gave His own Son to die for you, would He not also give you food, and clothes, and a bed? "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

"Why should I charge my soul with care?"

The wealth of every mine Belongs to Christ, God's Son and heir And He's a friend of mine!"

And again the poet says, "My Father is rich in houses and lands; He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands. (Continued on page four)

## Important Articles on War Coming

Next week *The Sword of the Lord* will carry, God willing, the first of a series of articles by the editor on the Christian and war. Real Christians must be patriots. The kind of so-called Christianity which causes a child to disobey his parents, a wife to be a rebel against her husband, the workman to be insolent to his boss or a citizen to be disloyal to his government is not true to the Bible.

The duty of Christians in taking sides against Hitler, in supporting the government, in paying taxes and buying defense stamps and bonds, in going to the armed forces when called, or in sending our men who are called, in praying for God's guidance and victory, and

the way to have peace in the midst of war — all these will be discussed with many, many Scriptures.

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## How to Be Saved and Know It

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in theians 1:14-17. Paul is the writer and he says: "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; lest any should say that I baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."

I believe that every saved person should be baptized, but I do not find anywhere in the Scripture where any one should be baptized until he is saved, and neither do I find it anywhere in the Scripture that baptism is a saving ordinance.

(3) *Not by joining a Church.* I have here before me a letter from one of my radio friends and I desire to quote one paragraph. He says: "I have been a member of the Church for forty-two years but have never had the new birth. Will you pray for me?" Another writes: "My wife and myself were both brought up in Christian homes, belonged to a Presbyterian Church and tried to live the life of Christians, especially in helping those in need. We have been blest immensely, but how can we know without a doubt if we are saved completely?"

These are only samples of many letters that have come to me recently, and so you will understand why I feel urged to bring a simple message on this subject of "How to Be Saved and Know It."

Here is one man who says that he is a member and has been a member of the Church for forty-two years, and yet admits that he has not been born again. The couple mentioned, at least lack assurance of salvation. It must be made clear to all of us that no one is saved by merely uniting with the Church. I, personally, united with the Church when I was about twelve years of age, but I did not experience the new birth until I was nineteen.

God says: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." No, salvation is not by "turning over a new leaf," nor by being baptized, nor by joining the Church, nor by any other substitutes that are made and might be named, but salvation is:

### 2. By Regeneration

Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:3 and 7, "Ye must be born again." God pity any soul upon this earth who has lived, or who is living today, or ever shall live, who shall fall short of this great experience of the new birth.

What you particularly want to know and what I desire to make as simple and plain as I can is, how you may be saved and know it. Make certain that your repentance has been real; that you have followed the commandment of the Lord as given in Isaiah 55:7: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." If you are in dead earnest about your salvation; if there is a sincere desire in your heart now to be saved, we can begin at this very point and see what the Scripture has to say on this all-important subject:

#### (1) *Receive Jesus Christ.*

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

What does God in His inspired

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Word here mean? He means that He knew our helpless, hopeless, lost condition, and sent into this world His own beloved Son, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary; Who lived a sinless life and was offered on Calvary's Cross as a Lamb without spot and without blemish. His own people received Him not, but the offer of salvation then went out to every one — "But as many as received him, to them gave He the right (or the authority) to become the children of God." Have you thus received the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour? Are you willing now to receive Him? If so, you have a right to believe, on the authority of God's Word, that you are now a child of God, for as many as thus received Him, to them He gave the power to become the children of God. Isn't it wonderful to know that a great transaction by grace divine has been accomplished, and that we, who have been the children of the Devil, can be transformed in a moment and become the children of God, simply by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work for us on Calvary's Cross?

#### (2) *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."*

and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." — Acts 16:31

The night I came forward to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, some Christian worker said: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." I was there, doing all in my power thus to believe, but I said to myself — I have never seen the day when I did not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I always believed that He was God; I always believed that He was born of a virgin. I always believed that He died on the Cross to save sinners. I always believed that He arose from the grave, and that He ascended on high, and that He is going to return to this earth again; but the appropriation of my faith of the finished work of Jesus Christ for my own salvation was an entirely different matter.

I believe that there are many people who lack assurance of salvation today, because they do not simply believe in the finished work of Christ for themselves. God wants you to believe His Word, to believe that when Jesus died on the Cross, it was not only for the whole world but for you personally, individually; that if you will now believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, you shall be saved; that when His precious blood flowed from His wounded side on Calvary's Cross, it was to cleanse away your sin and to make you whiter than the driven snow. Believe it, whether you feel it or not. Let God take care of the feelings. God doesn't say anything here about feelings, but He says: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Without a further doubt, believe!

Let us read together some passages in John 3:15, 16, 18, 36, and 6:47. Each of these passages brings out the fact that *whosoever believeth*, shall not perish nor be condemned, but *hath* everlasting life. It is a present possession, not something you are supposed to know about and be sure about after you have gotten to heaven, but something you should be sure about now. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me *hath* everlasting life."

#### (3) *Come to Jesus.*

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day." John 6:37-39.

I visited a home recently in which there were two boys of High School age. The elder of the two was speaking of being confirmed and uniting with a church soon. I therefore asked him if he was sure that he was saved, and he said he was not. I opened my Bible to this precious passage of Scripture, which has meant so much in my own life, and which has been used in our after meetings so often, and I said: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me."

Do you have a desire to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour? Do you have a desire to live for Him? He replied that he had such a desire. I asked him where he got the desire and his reply was, perhaps from his mother. I said, "Yes, thank God, that may have helped, but the truth of scripture is, that *no person can have a desire to accept the Lord Jesus Christ except that desire is given by the Holy Spirit Himself.* Now the fact that you have such a desire, is bringing you to Christ; is that not so?" And he said, "Yes," I said, "All right, read on" — and he read: "and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." If He does not cast you out, what does He do? And his eyes flashed and a smile of joy overspread his face as he replied, "He takes me in!" I asked "Are you saved then?" and he said, "Yes, I know now that I am saved."

It is just as easy and simple as that to be saved and to know it; but this passage of Scripture, as we have quoted it in full, reveals this blessed truth, that not only are we saved, but we are *kept* by this blessed Saviour, and if death overtakes us we shall be raised, or if we live till Jesus comes, we shall be changed and caught up into His holy presence.

#### (4) *Confess your sins to God.*

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

In this same home, I turned to the younger of these two boys, a lad of about thirteen or fourteen years, and asked him if he was saved, and he said "No." I attempted to deal with him somewhat as I had with the elder brother who had just accepted Christ as his Saviour, but he could not grasp the truth. I then questioned him of his desire to accept Christ and found that he, too, had a real desire but must be dealt with in an entirely different manner. I then opened my Bible to this verse of Scripture which we have before us, which I know primarily applies to Christians, but which God has so graciously used in the blessing of sinners also. I asked him also if he recognized himself in the sight of God a sinner and he said, "Yes, I know I have sinned against God." I then asked him if he knew that he would be lost eternally unless he had Jesus as his own personal Saviour, and he replied that he knew this. I asked him then if he was ready and willing now to accept the Lord Jesus as his own personal Saviour, as the only one who could cleanse away his sin and make him a new creation in Christ, and he said, "Yes, I am ready now." I said, suppose we kneel down just now and take the matter to God in prayer, which we did. I prayed briefly and then asked him to just tell God what was on his heart. He led in a beautiful, simple prayer, confessing that, in the sight of God, he was a sinner, and asking God to forgive all his sins and to cleanse him just now and to make him a true follower of Jesus Christ for His Name's sake. I then called his attention to this verse of Scripture again and quoted: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Have you done that? He replied, "Yes, I have." Then I said: That part of the verse has, in your opinion, a right to be in the Bible because it is true, and it is also true in your experience. You know that you have confessed your sins. Then let us read again — "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." I asked, "Has He done that for you?" He replied at first that he did not know, that he did not feel any different. I said, suppose we read it this way: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and give us a lot of nice feelings." "Oh," he said, "but that is not there." I said, "I know that is not there. Why, then are you trying to write it in? God says: 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.' You said you know the first part of this verse is true — is the second part of it true?" He said, "Yes, it is," and I said, "If He is faithful and just to forgive, has He done so?" And he replied, "Yes, He has!" When I asked him: "How do you know?" he replied, "Because I have confessed my sins,

## THE STATE WILL MAKE YOUR BOY MIND

BY W. J. PHILLIPS

A well-meaning mother said to me the other day, "I don't know what to do with that boy; he won't mind a word I say." I said, "How old is he?" She said, "He is 4 and going on 5." Then I said — and I didn't mean to be discourteous or cruel — "If you can get along with him three or four years longer, the State will take him off your hands and the State can make him mind. The State has detention homes, reform schools and penitentiaries for that purpose, and the State can always make a boy mind." This was not a pleasant thing to say, and, it was not a pleasant thing for this selfish, sentimental woman to hear, but I say lots of things that I hate to say; it seems like somebody has to say them. Then I continued: "A boy that is raised to disobey the authority of his mother will, when he gets older, disobey the authority and laws of both God and the State. That is why we have juvenile courts, reform schools and penitentiaries, and, if a boy gets, with the State, to where you say your 4-year-old boy has got with you, the State will either shoot him down as a bandit or hang him. The State can and will make the boy mind."

I heard an ex-judge say the other day that about 98 per cent of the tens of thousands now in the penitentiaries of this country were boys that wouldn't mind their mothers in the home. It's pitiful to think about it and it's worse to talk about it, but what can one do! After all, the fault is not originally with the boy who, in the end will have to suffer; no, he was innocent and pure when like a pearl of great price he was dropped into the lap of life. Now at four years, says the mother, "He won't mind a word I say."

I said, "Did you ever punish him for disobedience?" "Punish him! I don't believe in punishing children. Why, it would nearly kill me to punish or whip him; I just couldn't do it." "Well," I said — and this is not a treatise on raising children — "there is your trouble, you are not willing to hurt yourself for the good of your boy. You allow your own feelings to control you and

and God says He will forgive." "Now see what He says. All the sins of your life are cleansed away; He is not only faithful and just to forgive our sins but faithful and just to cleanse from all unrighteousness." This dear boy arose with me and the joy of the Lord was in his heart because he believed God. Will you do likewise?

#### (5) *Confess Christ as your Saviour.*

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10.

Let me illustrate this by telling you of a salesman who came into my office not long ago, endeavoring to sell me something. I did not particularly want or need what he had to sell, but I discovered before we had conversed long that he needed Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He, like most people, had a desire to be saved but didn't know how to go about it, and so, among other passages of Scripture, I used this one. I asked him then if he believed that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary. He readily said he did. Do you believe that Jesus Christ lived a life of sinless perfection? He replied in the affirmative. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh? And he replied very emphatically that he did. I then asked, do you believe that this sinless, perfect, holy Son of God died on the Cross to save sinners? and he replied "Yes." I then asked, do you believe that His blood today alone can cleanse from sin? "Yes," he said, "I do." Do you believe that Christ was raised from the dead? "Yes, I believe that." Then I said: "Look

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in doing so you are making a criminal of your boy, who later, will break your heart. The best and only genuine love is the love that regards and is willing to suffer for the welfare of the one loved. The diamond, to be of value, must be cut and ground and polished. There are many diamonds in the rough in San Quentin and Folsom prisons today, just because they were not polished in the home lapidary. Some disobedient boy's mother sits shame-faced, and with bowed head and breaking heart in our courts every week and hears the sentence, maybe of life imprisonment or of death on the gallows pronounced against her little boy who 'wouldn't mind a thing she said.' The State can 'make them mind' and if you don't make your little boy mind the State will.

"Now, madam, don't conclude that I am cruel or heartless; I am not; I love children and I would, if I could, save every one of them. I would if I could — at any cost, make honorable, high-minded gentlemen and ladies of every child in the State of every race and color, but I can't do it, but you can; at least you could have made such of your own, had you begun in time."

There was a little boy in one of the middle States a few years ago — I could give the exact location if I wanted to — just like this little 4-year-old boy; he wouldn't "mind," and his selfish, sentimental mother "couldn't make him mind," of course. When he was a little older, 23, I think, his sobbing mother saw him ascend the scaffold and as the black cap was being adjusted before springing the trap, she, sobbing, broken-hearted, got as a last word from her boy an oath with the additional words, "No use to sob now, old woman, you're to blame for this. If you'd have raised me right when I was little" — but the trap was sprung, the little boy that wouldn't mind plunged to his reward, and his mother into unconsciousness.

It's mighty unfair to the boy or girl. It is ever true as Milton said, "The child shows the man, as morning shows the day." Happy the mother, happy the father, who can look upon his family and say, "These are my glorious works."

## "... IT IS REMARKABLE HOW MUCH A DOLLAR WILL BUY IN FOOD FOR THE SOUL WHEN IT BUYS SO LITTLE IN FOOD FOR THE BODY"

says a reader of *The Sword of the Lord*. We are giving you here some recent comments which have come to hand. Comments from you help us to know which sermons are the greatest blessing. We wish you to know some of the letters so we are giving them here.

"Pardon me for not renewing my subscription to *The Sword of the Lord* sooner. I have enjoyed the issues I have been receiving and want it continued for the coming twelve months. Enclosed is the dollar. It is remarkable how much a dollar will buy in food for the soul when it buys so little in food for the body."

"C. S. H.

"Jackson, Mississippi."

"... Oh, how I love this paper; to say it is food for my soul is stating an actual, literal fact. It is just that. When I go to the mail box and find my *Sword of the Lord* I really feel a warm glow all over me. Oh, yes, I realize full well that sounds extremely foolish, but nevertheless it is so. I am anxiously awaiting the enlargement of the paper WITH THE S. S. LESSON HELPS!"

"Mrs. J. E. A.

"Ottumwa, Iowa."

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"C. H.

"Plymouth, Mass."

"Your paper has been such a help to me. I know I am not good, but I am a better woman by having read it these many years."

"Mrs. A. M. P.

"Garner, Texas."



## EDITOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

For the two weeks from Tuesday, May 26, through Sunday, June 7, the editor will be in revival services in the Knoxville City Temple with Rev. Ed G. Caldwell, 1015 N. Broadway, Knoxville.

June 14 to 28 he will be engaged in a tent campaign sponsored by the First Baptist Church, Rev. W. L. Peters, pastor, at Shelby, Ohio. Four other churches, at least, will be cooperating in the campaign.

July 5 to 19 will be given to a tent campaign in Haddon Heights, New Jersey, with Pastor George A. Palmer of the Morning Cheer Broadcast, Philadelphia.

From Tuesday, July 21, through Friday, August 7, the editor will be in Dallas, Texas, in a meeting with the Galilean Baptist Church, Dr. Robert G. Wells, pastor. The editor led in the organization of this church, July 31, 1932, and was pastor seven and a half years. This campaign celebrates the tenth anniversary.

August 9 through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, the editor will be engaged in a big tent campaign on the South Side of Chicago, sponsored by fourteen churches, with a tent 80x160 feet.

We hope that many readers will pray for these campaigns daily and those who live near enough to attend some of them, will do so.

## Should Ministers Be Called "Reverend"

Psalm 111:9 says of God, "holy and reverend is his name." Therefore, say some, since the word *reverend* is used in the Bible only of God, it is wrong to use that term or title referring to preachers.

But that objection fades away with a more careful study. For instance, the same word which is translated *reverend* (*yare* as we would spell it in English) is translated 76 times as *be afraid*, 242 times as *to fear*, is translated 24 times as *terrible*. It is translated only once as *reverend*.

And along with many commands to fear God, the word is used in Leviticus 19:3, "Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father."

Let no one think, then, that it is wrong to reverence ministers. And *reverend* simply means to be reverent. It does not mean, necessarily, worship, in the sense that one worships God.

In Leviticus 19:30 the Jews were commanded to "reverence my sanctuary." The same command is given in Leviticus 26:2.

From II Samuel 9:6 we learn that Mephibosheth "fell on his face, and did reverence" before King David.

In I Kings 1:31 we find that Bath-she-ba "did reverence to the king."

Hebrews 12:9 tells us that our fathers "corrected us, and we gave them reverence."

Ephesians 5:33 commands, "Let...the wife see that she reverence her husband."

If it were proper for a king to be revered, if children are commanded to reverence their parents, if wives are to reverence their husbands, then surely the same kind of respect and reverence is due the man of God.

The Bible, of course, commands, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Eph. 6:1).

Wives are commanded to be obedient to their own husbands (Titus 2:5).

But the same command is given to church members regarding their pastor: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you" (Heb. 13:17). Note that this refers to the ministers who watch over the souls of people.

In the same chapter, Hebrews 13:24 commands, "Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints." Ministers are to 'rule' over their people, are to be 'obeyed,' and certainly should be revered.

Incidentally, I think it is of no special importance whether ministers are addressed by the title of

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reverend or not. Personally, I prefer the southern custom of calling preachers, "Brother." But there are handicaps in using that term, because a preacher is not a brother to unconverted people, and a preacher who is a modernist and does not believe in Christ as his Saviour ought not to be called brother by those who are saved and do believe in Christ.

On the whole, it is a matter of convenience to address letters to a minister, using the title "Reverend." The word simply means, in English, that the man is a minister. It means nothing more. Not a person in a million, using the title for a minister, means to worship him as God. In English usage the title has simply become synonymous with "minister," or "preacher," or "pastor." So it is perfectly proper to use the term.

Incidentally, it is foolish and hurtful to cause division and strife over the meanings of words where the Bible does not give a special and important meaning to the words. It is as silly to think a preacher guilty of blasphemy because he be addressed sometimes as 'Reverend,' as it would be to accuse a physician of sinful pride in allowing himself to be called "Doctor." "Doctor," in common language, means "physician." "Reverend," in common language, means "minister."

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## HE TOOK MY PLACE

An ungodly sea captain lay in his cabin in mid-ocean death staring him in the face. He shrank back in the presence of "the King of terrors," and the dread of eternity took fast hold upon him.

Captain Coutts sent for his first mate and said, "Williams, get down on your knees and pray for a fellow. I have been very wicked, as you know, and I expect I shall go this time."

"I am not a praying man, you know, captain, so I can't pray. I would if I could."

"Well, then bring a Bible and read me a bit, for my hope is about to run out."

"I have no Bible, Captain; you know I am not a religious man."

"Then send for Thomas, the second mate; perhaps he can pray a bit."

The second mate was soon in the presence of his dying captain, when he said to him: "I say, Thomas, I am afraid I am bound for eternity this trip. Get down and pray for me. Ask God to have mercy upon my poor soul."

"I'd gladly do it to oblige you, captain, if I could; but I have not prayed since I was a lad."

"Have you a Bible, then, to read to me?"

"No, captain, I have no Bible."

Alas for the dying sinner! How awful his condition. On the brink of eternity, and without Christ!

They searched the ship over for a man who could pray, but they searched in vain; and for a Bible, but one could not be found until one of the sailors told the captain he had seen a book that looked like a Bible in the hands of the cook's boy, a little fellow named Willie Platt.

"Send at once," said Captain Coutts, "and see if the boy has a Bible."

The sailor hurried off to the boy and said to him, "Sonny, have you a Bible?"

"Yes, sir, but I only read it in my own time."

"Oh, that's all right, my lad; take the Bible and go to the captain's cabin. He is very sick and wants a Bible. He thinks he is going to die."

Away went Willie Platt with his Bible to the captain's cabin.

"Have you a Bible, my boy?"

"Yes, captain."

"Then sit down, and find something in it that will help me, for I am afraid I am going to die."

Find something about God having mercy on a sinner like me, and read it to me."

Poor boy! He did not know where to read, but he remembered that his mother had him read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah just before he left home for that voyage.

Willie turned to that blessed chapter that so fully sets forth the love and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ in dying for poor sinners such as John Coutts, and commenced to read. When Willie got to the fifth verse — "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed" — the captain, who was listening for his very life, realizing that he was surely having his last chance of being saved, said, "Stop, my lad! that sounds like it; read it again."

Once more the boy read over the blessed words: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed."

"Aye, my lad, that's good — that's it, sure."

These words from the captain encouraged Willie, and he said: "Captain, when I was reading that verse at home, mother made me put my name in it. May I put it in now just where mother told me?"

"Certainly, sonny; put your name in just where your mother told you, and read it again."

Reverently and slowly the boy read the verse:

"He — Jesus — was wounded for Willie Platt's transgressions, He was bruised for Willie Platt's iniquities; the chastisement of Willie Platt's peace was upon him, and with his stripes Willie Platt is healed."

When Willie had finished, the captain was halfway over the side of his bed, reaching toward the lad, and said: "My boy, put your captain's name in the verse and read it again — John Coutts, John Coutts."

The lad slowly read the verse again: "He was wounded for John Coutts' transgressions, He was bruised for John Coutts' iniquities; the chastisement of John Coutts' peace was upon Him, and with His stripes John Coutts is healed."

When the boy had finished, the captain said: "That will do, my lad; you may go now."

Then the captain lay back on his pillow and repeated over and over

again those precious words of Isaiah 53:5, putting in his own name each time, and as he did so, the joy of heaven filled his soul. He was saved! Another poor sinner for whom Christ had died had "received Him" (John 1:12).

The soul of Captain Coutts soon passed away. His body was rolled in canvas, placed upon the plank and allowed to glide overboard into the water, to be seen no more until Jesus comes and the sea gives up its dead (John 5:24, 29).

Before John Coutts fell asleep in Jesus he had witnessed to every one on his vessel that the Christ of God — the man of Calvary — was wounded for his transgressions, bruised for his iniquities, that the chastisement that he rightly deserved had fallen on his blessed Substitute, and with His stripes — the stripes that fell on Jesus — he had been healed!

Beloved reader, do you know anything about this salvation? Have you taken your true place as a poor "ungodly sinner" before God and trusted in Christ for pardon? Blessed be His name "yesterday, today, forever" (Heb 13:8). What He did for John Coutts He waits to do for you. Will you let Him?

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## God's Cure for Worry

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Of rubies, of diamonds, of silver and gold,  
His coffers are full; He has riches untold."

Oh, Christian, confess that worry is a sin; confess that it dishonors God; confess that it comes of unbelief! Then listen to God's cure for anxious care and fret and worry.

### II. Pray About Everything

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." This verse plainly says that we should pray about everything.

What God really wants is that every child of His shall open the least and tiniest corner of his heart and take Jesus into it! Every heart's desire, every longing, every need, every temptation, every burden, every care — take it to the Lord in prayer!

If you have a right to want it, you have a right to ask for it! Many Scriptures make this plain. Mark 11:24 says, "What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Whatsoever you desire, means literally anything you want. Again Psalm 37:4 invites us to pray for "the desires of thine heart." John 14: 13, 14 tells us to pray for "any thing."

And John 15:7 says if we abide in Christ and He abide in us, "Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." And now Philippians 4:6 tells us to pray about literally "everything."

Do you think any need, any want, any lack of yours is too small for God to notice, to care about? Well, one single hair of yours is counted and recorded; that is how much He cares. The sparrow, pesky nuisance that he is, a tiny bird creature, has the oversight and constant care of your Heavenly Father! The wild flower trampled under your feet has the personal supervision of the infinite God, and He delights to clothe the flower with beauty and perfume it with fragrance, though it is but grass! So nothing, then, is too small to take to your own Heavenly Father.

I sat in a conference with a pastor about an important revival campaign. My baby, three years old, broke in upon us with a tiny piece of irregular cardboard which she wanted cut square. "Daddy, cut that off for me," she said. With my penknife I cut the bit of cardboard as she wished it, put it back in the little hands; and she said, "Thank you, Daddy," and went away, without dreaming that she had interrupted an important council. And I turned to the pastor and said, "If I ever want anything from God, I don't care if He is in the council chamber with all the archangels, planning the destiny of the planets, I'm going to break in and say, 'My Father, I am your little child. Please do this for me,' and He will do it!" Since He is my Father, I have a right to take every thing to Him. Not to do so is a sin. He cares!

So, beloved Christian, pray! Take your burdens to the Lord. The cure for worry is to take everything to God in prayer.

"What a Friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear,  
What a privilege to carry EVERY-  
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Everything to God in prayer.  
"Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer."

### III. With Supplication and Thanksgiving

If you want your worry to end, then be sure you leave your bur-

## Does God Work Miracles Today

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him out even if it were on the Sabbath day. The motive was compassion!

Indeed the Saviour did not do His miracles to prove His deity. When Jesus healed two blind men He "straightly charged them, saying, See that no man know it!" (Matt. 9:30). Again He charged his disciples "that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ" (Matt. 16:20). To the mount of transfiguration He took only three disciples and warned them not to tell of the miracle there (Matt. 17:9). When He healed the daughter of Jairus "he suffered no man go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and mother of the maiden," and then "he charged them that they should tell no man what was done" (Luke 8:51-56).

It is generally believed that miracles only came in rare and isolated cases, and in some sense that was true. But certain kinds of miracles continued throughout the Bible times almost without interruption, we believe.

For example, prophecy, that is receiving divine revelations, concerning the future, or at least divine revelations of knowledge not otherwise to be known, was prevalent throughout Bible times.

Abel doubtless had divine revelations about the coming Saviour and knew the meaning of a bloody sacrifice. Enoch was a prophet concerning even the second coming of Christ (Jude, verses 14, 15). Noah was plainly a prophet of God in foretelling the future of his descendants (Gen. 9:24-27). God told Abimelech that Abraham was a prophet (Gen. 20:7). Isaac in blessing Jacob and Esau, proved that he had the gift of prophecy (Gen. 27:26-40). Doubtless even Laban and Bethuel and their family had this gift of prophecy, too, as we

dens with God. That means waiting there at the place of prayer until God meets you. The young fellow waits in the reception room until his "date" is all ready to go out with him. We wait at appointments for others to come, with whom we have business dealings. Women wait in line at the chain store groceries, as others do at cafeterias or picture shows. We may wait for days for an important letter, never giving up hope, eagerly meeting the mailman on each visit. Why, then, should we not earnestly, steadfastly wait on God, with supplication? So stay until you have sweet assurance that God has heard your prayer. Then leave your burden with God and go away happy!

It would be well never to leave the place of prayer until you can honestly thank God for a sense that He has heard you and will give you what you need. The prayer that continues in supplication and ends in heartfelt thanksgiving, is the prayer that will give perfect peace.

### IV. The Peace that Passes Understanding

And then Philippians 4:7 promises us that "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Like a garrison of soldiers keeps a citadel, so the peace of God keeps the heart and protects it from all care and worry, when we take everything to God in prayer.

Leave your cares with the Lord! "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you," says I Peter 5:7. And Psalm 55: 22 says, Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." So, every Christian can tell God everything, wait before Him until you are sure you are heard, thank God, and then go away happy without your burden.

"Leave it there, leave it there,  
Take your burden to the Lord  
and leave it there.

If you trust and never doubt  
He will surely bring you out  
Take your burden to the Lord and  
leave it there."

"Be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus."

see from Genesis 24:60. Jacob and Joseph likewise had this same gift (Gen. 48: 15-22; Gen. 49: 1-29; Gen. 50:24, 25). Even during the sad period of the judges there were prophets and prophetesses. David was a prophet (Acts 2:29, 30). And the gift of prophecy certainly extended throughout Old Testament times, as far as we know, without any long interruption.

But this gift of prophecy is spoken of as the normal possession of New Testament Christians. Christians are commanded to covet to prophesy, though we are not to covet speaking in foreign languages (I Cor. 14:1). If all Christians prophesy, we are told that the unsaved will be convicted and all his doubts about God will disappear (I Cor. 14: 24, 25). We are told that "Ye may all prophesy" (verse 31). And again we are commanded, "Covet to prophesy" (vs. 39). Even women, who are expressly forbidden to teach or preach, may have the gift of prophecy (I Cor. 11:5). Do not be confused about the term *prophecy*. It means exactly the same in the Old Testament and in the New, and it is not preaching. Prophetesses never did preach.

But if the gift of prophecy is the normal thing for New Testament churches, then that means that the miraculous, supernatural working of God is to continue down through the ages in His church. Thus when miracles are past it is because the faith of God's people has waned.

The inspiration of the Bible was certainly miraculous, supernatural. Every man who wrote a part of the Bible was moved by the Holy Ghost and given a supernatural, infallible revelation, speaking with the very words of God (I Cor. 2:13; Isaiah 51:16; Jer. 1:9; Exodus 24: 4). Again that increases the spread of miracles. Wherever there was a prophet writing part of the Book of God, then there was a marvelous miracle taking place.

But I believe that God's miracles concerning the Bible did not end when John wrote the last words of the book of Revelation, long after Paul had been beheaded. For the Bible is itself a living miracle. "The word of God is quick and powerful" (Heb. 4:12). The word *quick* here means *alive*. It is the same word used about the living people in the phrase, "the quick and the dead," in Acts 10:42, in II Timothy 4:1, in I Peter 4:5. The Bible is a living thing. That means that the power of God is in the Word, and it is a living miracle. The things that the Bible does are miraculous things. If the saving of a soul, regeneration, is a miracle, and if that is done by the Word of God, used by the Holy Spirit, then the Word of God is miraculous even today.

Reverent students have long believed, as I do, that the preservation of the Word of God down through these centuries is miraculous and supernatural. How Satan hates the Bible! The conspiracies of Romish priests, burning multiplied thousands of copies, the putting to death of those that harbored the Bible and insisted on reading it — these could not do away with the Word of God. The assaults of the infidels, the attacks of atheists and modernists — these could not do away with the Bible. It could not be lost through mis-translation, through the errors of copyists, through the awful darkness and ignorance of the dark ages. The Bible has been preserved of God. It lives and abides forever; and that preservation is surely a miracle of God, such as other books do not have.

This supernatural, miraculously living Bible may be typified by the pot of manna which was collected and put within the ark of the covenant and there preserved miraculously from spoiling century after century (Exodus 16: 32-34; Heb. 9:4). The preservation of that manna, the bread from Heaven, was a living, physical miracle down through the centuries. If God had failed to sustain it miraculously one day, then it would have decayed and 'stank' as the manna did that had been kept more than a day by the people. That was an every day miracle, but the same kind of miracle lives today in the Bible, the Word. It is a miracle Book. It has life in it. It "is a discernment of the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

Aaron's rod that budded was likewise miraculously preserved in the ark of testimony. The almond

## How to Be Saved and Know It

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at this Scripture again and see what it says." We read this verse together again and I said: "Have you confessed here to me the Lord Jesus?" He said, "Yes, I have," and I said: "and believed in your heart?" "Yes, I do." The Word of God says, then: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

"Well," he said, "isn't that great! Is that all you need to do to be saved?" I said, "Yes." "Well then," he said, "I'm saved!" I said, "Yes, my brother, if you have sincerely believed and acted upon this conditional promise of God, you can say that you are saved." Don't try to make something tremendously difficult of salvation. The difficult part, the impossible part for you and me, was all accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ. When He said on Calvary's Cross: "It is finished," He meant it. May God help you now to believe it and to enter by faith into the finished work of Jesus Christ and rest in Him.

(6) "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." John 10:28-29.

If this passage does not teach eternal security I don't know what it does teach. A dear old lady, who was rejoicing in her eternal salvation, was asked by a friend: "But aren't you afraid you might slip through His fingers?" To which she replied: "Praise God, I am one of the fingers."

O, let the joy of the Lord fill your heart as He says unto you who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, "they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." God wants you to be saved and know it, and to know that a saved soul is eternally secure. 1 John 5:13, brings this out very definitely and clearly:

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

In closing this little tract, let

buds and blossoms that grew out of that dry stick seemed to have been miraculously kept fresh and unwithered through the centuries as a reminder of the miraculous sustaining of God's ministry and the supernatural power that was at their beck and call when in the will of God (Num. 17:8-10; Heb. 9:4). The preservation of that budded and blooming walking stick from an almond tree was a miracle every day that it was kept.

Likewise, the fire of the Lord that never went out on the altar, and the Shekinah glory over the mercy seat where God dwelt, was a living, day and night miracle down through the centuries in the tabernacle and in the temple, until the temple was forsaken by the Lord.

In Numbers 5:12-31 we have a remarkable teaching that God's miracle-working presence was with Israel all the time, to bring sin to judgment miraculously, to whisper to a husband if the wife was impure; and when she drank the bitter water, then if she were guilty of adultery "this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot." And if she was not guilty there would be no evil effect. Surely that means that the living, miracle-working God was present continually to bring sin to judgment; and that this miracle would take place at the hand of whatsoever husband and wife and priest were called upon to make the test, down through the years! It is impossible to rule out miracles in the Christian religion. Where there is any manifestation of God, there is a miracle.

me say, to the glory of God, and in the hope that it may encourage you, that following this simple message which was broadcast over WIP, I received a number of letters from friends in the radio audience telling me that they had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and were now fully trusting in Him. One person says: "I have just listened to your sermon over the radio and I am glad to say that I have been saved through your sermon. I asked myself all the questions that were put to the younger brother, whom you used as an example, and I found that I got the same answers."

Another says in part: "I must tell you how wonderful your message was last Sunday night, for although I had known *He was mine* for the last eleven years, still the Devil would taunt me in every way he could to make me believe I was not saved, and while I know it was of Satan, still he is such a fiend that sometimes I would quake before him and be the most miserable person alive, so you can see, when I asked the Lord to make it plain to me, He brought full assurance through His own words in His Book."

Still another writes to tell of her husband, a dear man who is nearly blind, having gone forward in one of our services, yet went away not fully assured. "He just seemed not capable of knowing how to grasp salvation. He was fast becoming weary because he was so dissatisfied. And then came your wonderful message of last Sunday night. It was such a blessing; and a beacon on the pathway to heaven. When the current was cut off and you were no longer on the air, he dropped to his knees in tears, and sobbing like a child, thanked God for the wonderful sermon and the comfort and surety it brought to him. Thank the Lord, my husband is now sure that salvation is now his for eternity."

May you too, dear friend, whoever you are who may happen to read this simple message, believe what God has said, and go on your way rejoicing in this full salvation. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

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